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Certificates about arresting and oppressing Al-Qods children

Shadi Ghrab, 15 years old, was arrested during his back from school
After he had been detained at Str. Sallahdin, in the middle of Al-Qods order to search him, he was arrest. Shad said that the soldiers demanded his I.D. (identity Card), but he gave them his birth certificate, so he was taken to the cop office.
He said: after entering the office, they began beating him, and then they put me in a dark room. He Showed that the soldiers drove him to the corner where there were no watching cameras to get the hard strikes that caused bruises in his body and break in his foot.

Shadi could get out from the cop office and call his friends who took him to Al-Makased Hospital. He said that had been arrested before, but this time he was oppressed and tortured more than the previous one.

Arresting 4 children and investigating them
The twins Mohammad and Ali Al-Shoyoki 17 years old, were released under condition of arrest home residence for 5 days and pay a stay bail for three months. Their third brother Fares (15) is under arrest home residence, while their fourth brother Feras is still in the occupation jail.

Their mother says that the occupation forces violently assault their home in Salwan at 2 p.m., and one of her son is arrested in each attack. In the last time the twins Mohammad and Ali were arrested. They were sleeping in their room when the soldiers put the guns on their heads.

Al-Shoyoki narrated that the occupation forces didn't allow their sons to wear their clothes, so they were arrested with bare feet, chained, and muffled to be beaten in front of the family. She ensures that she headed direct to the police station, but the investigators refused to let her enter and forced her to wait for them at the court.

She said that her son Mohammad was arrested twice during one month. He was sentenced by: exclusion from Al-Aqsa mosque for 21 days, arrest home residence for 5 days, and pay 3000 Shekel. She said that Mohammad was arrested four time and Ali two times.

Fares is subject now to an arrest home residence for a year, and he is passing through hard conditions that forced him to quit school and choose vocational study, but he was refused to study under the pretension of his weak abilities. The judge also refused to let him work for a definite period. Sometimes he starts weeping for not being able to get out. He knows when getting out, him mom will be arrested. Fares wishes he would get out and buy ice cream, but the occupation patrol is always outside to arrest him if he gets out.

She added that he became aggressive and stressful began breaking the household items after 5 months of grounding him at home. They informed the court judge that he had tried to commit suicide, but he refused to cancel the arrest .home residence."

The child Tarek Abu Khdair, 15 years old: arrest and aggressive assault
Al- Damir institute for caring the prisoners and human rights assured that special Israeli forces assaulted aggressively the child Tarek, then arrested him near his house in 3-7-2014 at 8 p.m. he was hurt in his head, chest, and back, and he was never taken to the hospital till midnight.

The attorney of this institute advocating Tarek at the court said that the purpose of these strikes was to kill him since they caused malformation in the face and other bruises on the head and other bruises on the head and chest . despite of this, the judge of the reconciliation court refused to release him and decided to investigate and keep him for 3 days, so he can't get out the country due to having the American nationality.

All the abusive actions against Tarek were recorded in a video, so despite of watching this video and other medical report that documents Tarek's conditions, the judge decided to lengthen his arrest to investigate him. This of course increases his anguish on the investigators' hands in Al-Maskobeya center.

The prisoner child Mohammad Zeyad Zaidani, 14 years old, from Salwan, Al-Qods said:
I was arrested from my home at 2 o'clock at night by a special forces and other army units after disarranging the house, and I was taken for investigation at Al-Maskobeya center, room no. 4.

Before arriving the center, they got me down in the street and began hitting severely and aggressively with their hands and legs which caused many bruises and breaks in my body.

In Al-Maskobeya center, I was offensively and variously beaten and forced to knee and put my head among my legs while I was chained and blindfolded. Mohammad Zaidani was kep in that state for 4 hours, and the investigation lasted for 12 hours without allowing him to eat or go to the bathroom.

He added during the investigation rounds which lasted till after midnight, the investigators were hitting him on head in the stomach using sometimes an instrument as a stick, and put it on the feet. The pressed a button connected to electricity, and fast he felt with an electric shock that invades his feet and body causing great pains in the legs. Mohammad certificates that the investigator insisted Mohammad confess, so he repeated these shocks many times. When he couldn't bear this pain, he began crying loudly.

The prisoner child "Kazem Faraj Annous", 15 years old, from Ras Al_amoud in Al-Qods:
I was arrested at 5 a.m. when the intelligence and other soldiers attacked my home, and I was taken blindfolded And chained for long hours in the chilly weather.

There I was beaten from a soldier using his ironed shoes that caused great pains and bruises, to be taken later to Al-Maskobeya center, room 4.

Chained, muffled, and facing the wall, the investigation lasted for 4 continuous hours. They began slapping and hitting me on face and in my tummy to feel with great pains. I stayed in that center for 12 days.

I while I was being taken to the court, I was hit by Nahshon forces, and I was deliberately and tightly chained. Once, a member of Nahshon forces entered the waiting room inside the court, and began hitting me and stubbing my head on the wall, the matter that caused great bruises, pains, and other breaks.

These certificates assure:
After the popular uprising due to burning Mohammad Abu Khdair in 2014, the occupation multiplied arresting Al-Qods children for the purpose of oppressing the uprising:

1. The occupation deal with Al-Qods chitldren aggressively and offensively, and the evidence is the harsh treatment they receive during the arrest.
2. The occupation disobeys stubbornly all human documents that invite to avoid arresting and torturing children as the first choice.
3. The occupation tries hard to legislate imposing high sentences on the Al-Qods children who are arrested due to throwing stones. It tries to edit the penal laws to be able to arrest the underage children and imprison them 10-20 years.
4. The occupation exploit arrest Al-Qods children to evacuate this holly city from its real citizens. To clarify, arresting the child is considered a black point in his security report, so he can't renew his ID (identitiy card)since the Ministry of Interior asks for a good behavior certificate, so he won't get it.
5. The occupation deals with Al-Qods child as an Israeli citizen holding a blue ID, but not during arrest.
6. The occupation tries to wash the minds of Al-Qods children by making lectures and conferences given by psychologists inside the jail- of course with criminals.
7. The occupation tries to kill the children's national spirit and belonging by practicing all kinds of oppression.
8. The occupation tries to shake the Al-Qods children's personality by applying arrest home residence and changing the parents into jailers.
9. The occupation tries to exhaust the Al-Qods children's families financially accompanied with high decrees.

10. The occupation give Al-Qods children strict judgments to deter other from disobeying its orders.
11. The occupation treat Al-Qods children intolerantly and discriminately. The Palestinian children and the Jewish ones are not the same in the rights and prison conditions.

So, Al-Kheyam center for Rehabilitating the Victims of Torture, Tadamon Committee, and the Palestinian Prisoners Center demand all the international institutes that care for the children's affair to interfere soon to let the Israeli occupation protect the Al-Qods children – either the liberated or the arrested ones- and give them all kinds of social and psychological supports